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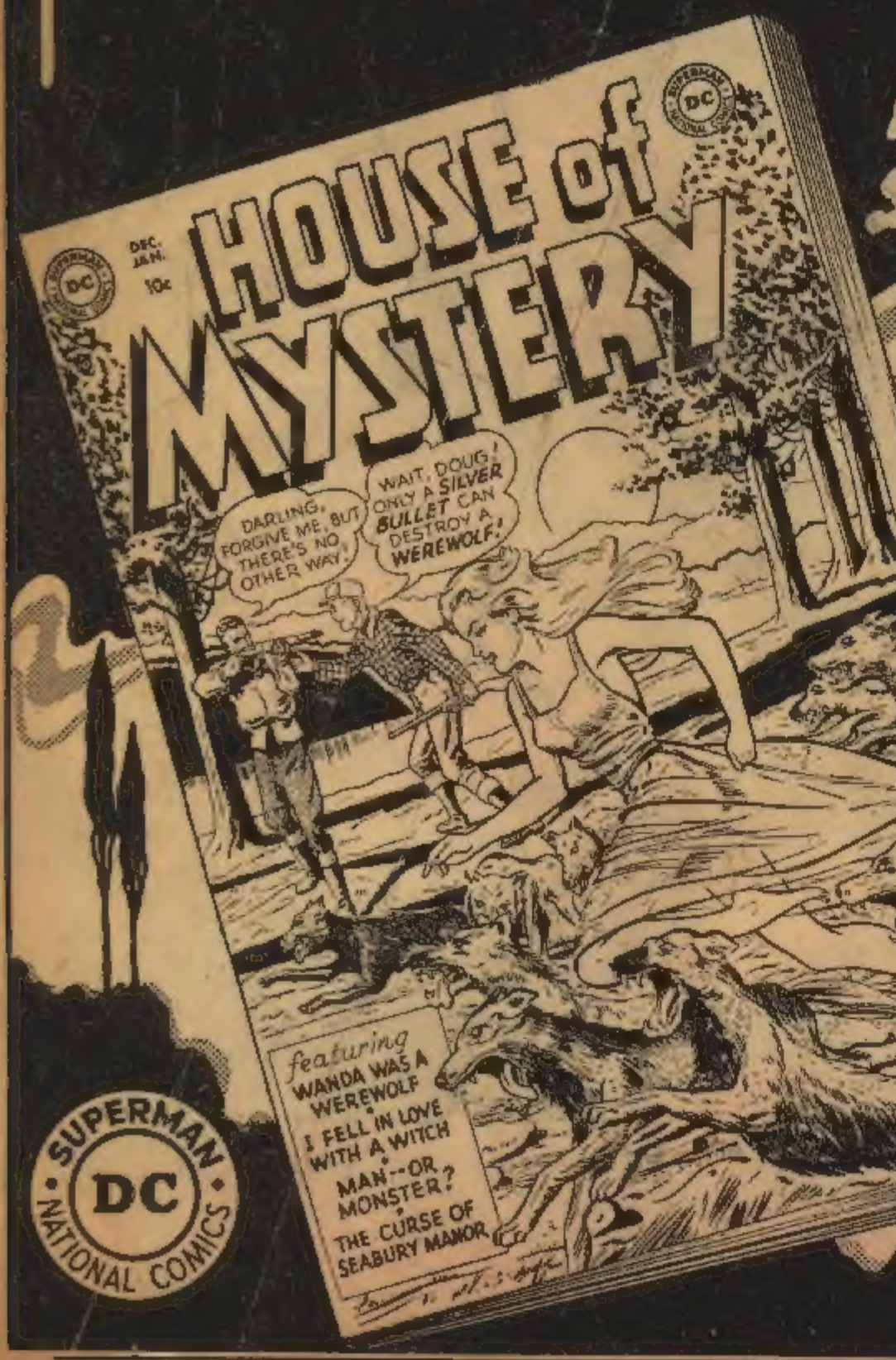


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# Knights of the Galaxy

STARRING Lyle-- SPACE COMMANDO

STORY BY DION ANTHONY

LYLE!--I CAN'T LET YOU GO LIKE THIS!
STAY WHERE YOU ARE, ORA! DON'T COME ANY CLOSER! I'M DOOMED! MY MERE PRESENCE HERE IS A THREAT TO OUR GALAXY!

WHAT WOULD *YOU* DO IF, OVERNIGHT, THROUGH NO FAULT OF YOUR OWN, YOU WERE CHANGED FROM A HERO TO A MENACE? THAT WAS THE AMAZING DILEMMA CONFRONTING LYLE, GALLANT KNIGHT OF THE GALAXY, WHEN IT SEEMED AS IF HIS EVERY BREATH MEANT DISASTER TO HIS OWN FIGHTING COMRADES! WOULD YOU MAKE THE SAME DARING CHOICE HE FINALLY DID TO SOLVE HIS PROBLEM? WOULD *YOU* BECOME AN ...

## "OUTCAST OF LOST WORLD!"

# MYSTERY IN SPACE

AS ORA, LOVELY YOUNG SCIENTIST OF FIGHTER STATION, **GALA**, PLEADS WITH LYLE, THE DEPARTING SPACE COMMANDO...

LYLE--WAIT! DON'T GO! IN TIME WE'RE SURE TO FIND A CURE FOR YOU!

MEANWHILE RADIUM ENERGY I'VE BEEN INFECTED WITH, WHICH CAUSES THIS INFERNAL GLOW, IS SHORT-CIRCUITING ALL THE EQUIPMENT ON THE STATION! AND MAY HARM HUMANS TOO!

LOOK AT OUR FIGHTER SHIPS--UNABLE TO OPERATE BECAUSE OF ME!

IF **RAX**, THE SPACE BRIGAND, KNEW OF OUR DILEMMA, HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY ATTACK OUR STATION, AND ELIMINATE IT AS A THREAT AGAINST THE EVIL HE REPRESENTS! AS LONG AS I'M HERE, THE STATION IS HELPLESS!

THE SOONER I LEAVE... TO GO OUT INTO SPACE... WHERE I CAN DO NO HARM TO ANYONE... THE BETTER! THIS... IS GOODBY... ORA!

HOW CAN I BEAR IT... NEVER... TO... SEE YOU... AGAIN!

KNIGHTS--SALUTE OUR MOST GALLANT COMRADE!

HAIL!... AND FAREWELL--LYLE OF GALA!

EQUIPPED SOLELY WITH ENGINELESS SPACE-DRIFT CONTROLS UNAFFECTED BY THE STRANGE GLOW EMANATING FROM HIM, LYLE IS CATAPULTED INTO SPACE...

LIKE A HUMAN ARROW, THE SPACE COMMANDO VANISHES FROM SIGHT...

HE'S... GONE!

KNIGHTS! WE ATTACK **RAX'S** STRONGHOLD ON STAR ALTAIR IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS! BY THAT TIME, ANY EFFECT LYLE HAD ON OUR EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE GONE!

# MYSTERY IN SPACE

FATHER! IT'S A SUICIDE MISSION! THINK OF THE HEAVY CASUALTIES YOU SUFFERED LAST TIME! AND OF WHAT HAPPENED TO LYLE WHEN HE FOUGHT *RAX*! WAIT UNTIL WE DEVELOP MORE POWERFUL WEAPONS TO DEFEAT THE SPACE BRIGAND!

*RAX* IS GROWING STRONGER EVERY DAY, ORA! WE CAN'T WAIT!

MEANWHILE, THE MINUTE HUMAN DOT WHICH IS LYLE FLASHES OUT INTO THE VASTNESS OF SPACE...

I'M TOO FAR AWAY BY THIS TIME TO BE SPOTTED BY ANY INSTRUMENTS BACK AT THE STATION! I'LL CHANGE MY COURSE!

I KNOW THE KNIGHTS ARE GOING TO ATTACK *RAX* ON ALTAIR IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS! I MUST GET TO *RAX BEFORE* THEY DO! IT'S THE ONLY CHANCE TO PREVENT THEIR SLAUGHTER!

I REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED THE LAST TIME WE ATTACKED *RAX*!

KNIGHTS! TO YOUR SHIPS!

SET YOUR COURSE FOR SPACE LANE M3-107!

"EN ROUTE TO SPACE LANE M3-107 WE PASSED THE FLOATING DEBRIS OF THE SORELY NEEDED CARGO SHIPS *RAX* HAD PLUNDERED AND RUTHLESSLY DESTROYED..!"

NO SURVIVORS! *RAX'S* TRADEMARK! IF IT WEREN'T FOR A DYING OPERATOR'S DESPERATE CALL--WE WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN ON *RAX'S* TRAIL SO QUICKLY!

# MYSTERY IN SPACE

"WE PURSUED RAX AND HIS SPACE BRIGANDS, AND, FOR THE FIRST TIME, DISCOVERED HIS HIDEOUT--THE STAR ALTAIR ..."

KNIGHTS! ATTACK AT WILL!

"JUST AS WE CAME WITHIN RANGE OF RAX AND HIS SPACE KILLERS, HIS ENTIRE STAR SEEMED TO ERUPT FLAMES AT US!"

"MANY OF MY BEST FRIENDS WERE ENGULFED IN THAT FLAMING CAULDRON... WHILE THOSE OF US WHO SURVIVED WERE SCATTERED LIKE LEAVES BY A FIERY WHIRLWIND..."

CEASE ATTACK! REGROUP OUT OF RANGE! HEAD BACK TO GALA!

"I FOUGHT TO BRING MY OWN SHIP UNDER CONTROL WHILE MY SURVIVING COMRADES REGROUPED OUT OF RANGE, AND THEN...I FOUND A SINISTER SHIP APPROACHING ME..."

RAX!

"THROUGH THE BLOOD-RED HAZE OF EXCITEMENT WHICH DANCED IN FRONT OF MY EYES--I FIRED..."

A GLANCING BLOW! BUT I'VE GOT RAX'S RANGE! THE NEXT SHOT WILL DO IT!

"I NEVER GOT A CHANCE TO FIRE THAT NEXT SHOT! FOR I WAS CAUGHT IN A CROSS-FIRE FROM THE SPACE BRIGAND'S FOLLOWERS!"

MY SHIP'S BEEN HIT! GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THEY FINISH ME!

"I SPUN OUT OF RANGE..."

NO USE! ALTAIR'S DEFENCES ARE TOO STRONG! IT WOULD BE SUICIDE FOR OUR FLEET TO ATTACK IT AGAIN! AND SUICIDE TO ALLOW RAX TO PLUNDER AT WILL! THERE MUST BE ANOTHER WAY TO DEFEAT HIM!

"AND THEN I STARED ABOUT ME! FOR EVERYTHING ON THE SHIP--MYSELF INCLUDED--WAS GLOWING!"

SHADES OF BIKINI! HAVE I BECOME RADIOACTIVE FROM THAT CROSS-FIRE?

"NO SOONER HAD I FINISHED CHECKING MYSELF FOR RADIOACTIVITY, THAN I SUDDENLY THOUGHT OF A PLAN TO GET NEAR ENOUGH TO RAX TO ELIMINATE HIM AND HIS ASSASSINS OF SPACE! ...FIRST, I ABANDONED MY SHIP WITHIN SIGHT OF THE FIGHTER STATION..."

"AS I LANDED ON THE STATION..."

LYLE! THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE ALIVE! B--B--BUT WHAT'S HAPPENED?

DON'T COME ANY CLOSER! I'M RADIOACTIVE! I'M GOING TO THE LAB TO MAKE FURTHER TESTS! UNTIL THEN--EVERYONE MUST STAY AWAY FROM ME!

"ALL THAT NIGHT EVERYONE'S ATTENTION WAS RIVETED ON THE LAB..."

"THE NEXT DAY... WHEN SHIPS ATTEMPTED TO TAKE OFF..."

SOMETHING'S SHORT-CIRCUITING MY CONTROLS! I CAN'T TAKE OFF!

NEITHER CAN I!

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# MYSTERY IN SPACE

"IT SOON BECAME OBVIOUS THAT ONLY **ONE** THING COULD BE WRECKING SUCH HAVOC TO THE STATION AND..."

AS LONG AS I'M HERE, THE STATION IS HELPLESS AGAINST ATTACK! THE SOONER I LEAVE...TO GO OUT INTO SPACE...WHERE I CAN DO NO HARM...THE BETTER! THIS IS...GOODBY, ORA!

THE THOUGHTS OF THE VOLUNTARY OUTCAST IN SPACE COME TO AN ABRUPT END WHEN...

RAX'S STRONGHOLD! ALTAIR--MY DESTINATION! THEY'VE ALREADY SIGHTED ME!

FIGHTER ROCKETS WOULDN'T HAVE STOOD A CHANCE AGAINST THESE FLAME RAYS! BUT A LONE MAN'S A SMALL ENOUGH TARGET TO GET THROUGH! MY PLAN'S WORKING SO FAR!

I'M CLOSE ENOUGH TO LAND! NOW I'D BETTER PRETEND I'M HIT--BEFORE THEY **REALLY** BLAST ME OUT OF SPACE!

THE SPACE COMMANDO'S SIMULATION OF A CRASH LANDING NOT ONLY HALTS THE FIRE DIRECTED AT HIM, BUT IS ALSO REALISTIC ENOUGH TO STUN HIM UNTIL...

IT'S LYLE OF *GALA*! HE'S RADIOACTIVE! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS TO TAKE HIM TO *RAX*! LET'S BLAST HIM HERE!

IF *RAX* ORDERED US TO BRING HIM IN IF HE WAS ALIVE, HE MUST HAVE HAD A SPECIAL REASON! AND THAT'S JUST WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO! YOU KNOW THE PENALTY FOR DISOBEYING *RAX* IS--DEATH! UP ON YOUR FEET--PRISONER!

TO THE SPACE BRIGAND'S STRONGHOLD, THE GUARDS FLY LYLE...

THE FIRE CONTROLS THAT MAKE IT SUICIDAL FOR THE *GALAXY KNIGHTS* TO ATTACK *RAX* MUST BE IN THAT BUILDING!

AS LYLE IS CAUTIOUSLY LED TO THE SPACE BRIGAND...

HERE'S THE PRISONER, RAX! BUT HE'S DANGEROUS! HE'S RADIOACTIVE!

FOOLS! IF HE WERE-- THE CRAFT IN WHICH YOU BROUGHT HIM COULDN'T OPERATE!

YES! I CREATED THAT GLOW! WITH AN INJECTION OF A HARMLESS LUMINOUS FLUID! I GOT THE IDEA AFTER YOUR SHIPS HIT MINE WITH A LUMINOUS TRACER RAY WHICH MADE EVERYTHING ON IT GLOW FOR A FEW MINUTES! IT MADE ME AN EASY TARGET-- BUT I ESCAPED!

WHY DID YOU RETURN?

I HOPED A LONE MAN WOULD SLIP THROUGH-- SINCE A FLEET FAILED! THAT'S WHY I SECRETLY SHORT-CIRCUITED ALL THE EQUIPMENT ON THE FIGHTER STATION-- SO THEY WOULD THINK IT WAS CAUSED BY MY "RADIOACTIVITY"--AND WAIT--BEFORE ATTACKING YOU! THUS GIVING ME A CHANCE TO CAPTURE YOU FIRST!

REMOVE YOUR HELMET! YOU WON'T NEED IT WHERE YOU'RE GOING! I SUPPOSE YOU'VE HEARD OF MY WAY OF DEALING WITH PRISONERS? I CAST THEM INTO SPACE--TO FLOAT ETERNALLY! IT'S AN OLD PIRATE CUSTOM!

I KNOW! I COUNTED ON IT!

THE QUICK-WITTED SPACE COMMANDO REVEALS A DEADLY WEAPON IN HIS HELMET...

THAT'S WHY I ADAPTED MY HELMET INTO A RAY GUN, OPERABLE AS SOON AS I REMOVED IT!

CAN'T... MOVE...

...PARALYZED...

RAX IS ESCAPING!

LEAVING THE MOMENTARILY PARALYZED SPACE ASSASSINS, LYLE RACES AFTER THE FLEEING RAX...

MISSED HIM! AND IT WAS THE LAST RAY! THE SMALL AMOUNT OF RAYPOWER IN THE HELMET IS EXHAUSTED!

CLOSE ON *RAX'S* HEELS HOTLY PURSUES LYLE UNTIL...

I KNEW YOUR MAKESHIFT HELMET GUN WOULD SOON BE EMPTY! NOW I WILL SET UP A CURTAIN OF FIRE TO DESTROY YOUR STATION'S FIGHTER FLEET--AND I WILL RAY-ERADICATE YOU AT THE SAME TIME!

OUR ANCESTORS STARTED WITH MAKE-SHIFT WEAPONS AND SOMETIMES THEY'RE VERY EFFECTIVE!

LATER, WHEN THE *GALAXY KNIGHTS* ARRIVE UNSCATHED...

LYLE! YOU'VE COMPLETED THIS MISSION ALONE!

I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU WANDER OFF ALONE IN SPACE AGAIN, LYLE! I'LL FIND A CURE FOR YOUR RADIOACTIVITY--NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TAKES!

ON THE TRIP BACK TO *GALA*, LYLE'S INJECTION OF LUMINOUS FLUID WEARS OFF AND...

LYLE! WHAT'S HAPPENED? Y--Y--YOU'RE NOT GLOWING ANY MORE!

I GUESS BEING NEAR YOU IS A FASTER CURE THAN I THOUGHT!

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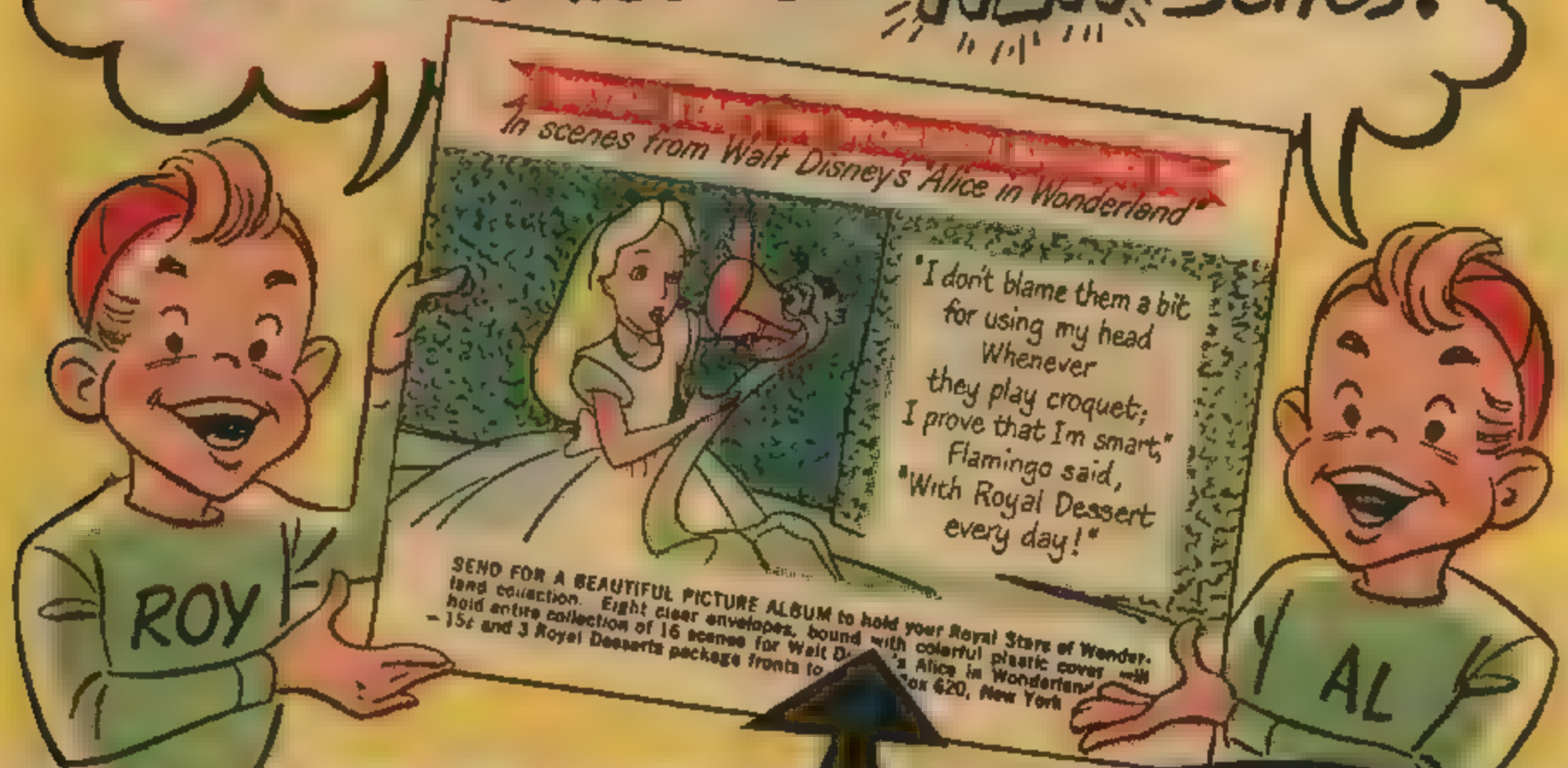
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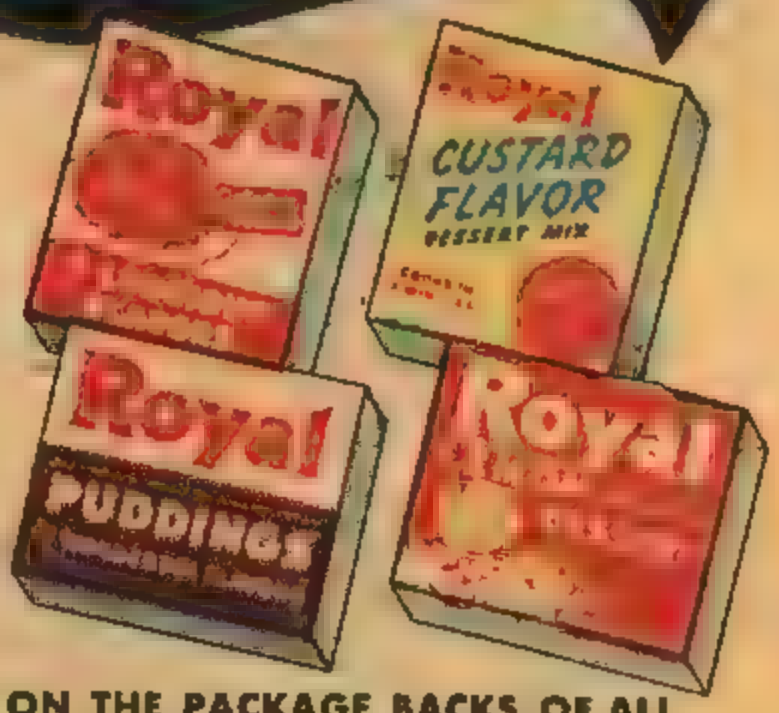


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KIDNAPED FROM THE EARTH--AND A PRISONER INSIDE A GIANT SPACESHIP--NUCLEAR PHYSICIST DAVE HOLLIS WAS CONFRONTED WITH A DISASTROUS DILEMMA! BETRAY HIS COUNTRY, OR FACE A HIDEOUS DEATH IN THE COLD EMPTINESS OF OUTER SPACE! WOULD *YOU* MAKE THE SAME DECISION DAVE HOLLIS DID?

STORY BY GARDNER FOX

ON A LONELY ROAD NOT FAR FROM THE REACTOR LABORATORIES AT OAK RIDGE...

PARDON ME! I WONDER IF YOU CAN TELL ME HOW TO GET TO THE STATE HIGHWAY?

WHY, OF COURSE--

BUT AS THE YOUNG NUCLEAR PHYSICIST DAVE HOLLIS LEANS FORWARD TO POINT THE WAY...

AHHHH...

WHOOSH!

THAT GAS-GUN DID IT! NOW TO TAKE HIM ABOARD OUR SPACESHIP!

# MYSTERY IN SPACE

THROUGH A MISTY HAZE, DAVE HOLLIS IS DRAGGED INTO A ROUNDED ROOM, WHERE GLITTERING METAL DIALS AND LEVERS FORM A FANTASTIC PATTERN ON THE WALL...

WHHH-- WHAT HAPPENED?

HE'S COMING AROUND! LOCK THE AIR-VALVE DOORS! STAND BY TO FIRE ROCKET JETS!

DAZEDLY, THE RESEARCH SCIENTIST STARES AROUND HIM...

TH-THE ROOM'S M-MOVING! WH-WHERE AM I?

YOU ARE BEING TAKEN OUT INTO INTERPLANETARY SPACE, DAVID HOLLIS! YOU ARE ABOARD THE FIRST SPACESHIP EVER BUILT!

*FIRST SPACE-SHIP...?* THIS MUST BE A JOKE!

I DON'T ASK YOU TO BELIEVE ANYTHING--EXCEPT THAT WHICH YOU SEE WITH YOUR OWN EYES!

I SEE SOME SCIENTIFIC GADGETS--AND WELL-TAILORED SPACE UNIFORMS! BUT THEY DON'T MEAN A THING--

NOW TAKE A GOOD LOOK, HOLLIS! SEE FOR YOUR SELF WHAT MY NATION HAS ACCOMPLISHED! WE HAVE DEVISED AN ANTI-GRAVITY SCREEN THAT ENABLES SHIPS TO JOURNEY THROUGH SPACE!

WHY--IT'S TRUE! WE ***ARE*** OUT IN SPACE--HIGH ABOVE THE EARTH!

# MYSTERY IN SPACE

THE EARTH IS GROWING SMALLER--WE'RE SPEEDING AWAY FROM IT! BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND -- WHY ARE YOU TAKING *ME* WITH YOU?

YOU ARE A NUCLEAR PHYSICIST. YOU WORK IN THE REACTOR LABORATORY AT OAK RIDGE.. EXPERIMENTING WITH THE NEW PLUTONIUM BOMB!

WE WANT ALL THE INFORMATION YOU HAVE ON THAT BOMB! EITHER YOU GIVE IT TO US--OR WE TOSS YOU OUT INTO AIRLESS SPACE! OUT THERE -- YOU WILL DIE A PAINFUL -- HORRIBLE DEATH!

COLD SWEAT BREAKS OUT ON DAVE HOLLIS' BROW. DESPERATELY, HE STALLS FOR TIME TO DELAY MAKING A FATAL DECISION...

IF YOU PEOPLE ARE CLEVER ENOUGH TO BUILD A SPACESHIP-- WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH A PLUTONIUM BOMB?

WITH SUCH A WEAPON IN OUR POSSESSION, WE COULD SAFELY BOMBARD WHOLE COUNTRIES FROM OUR SANCTUARY IN SPACE! WE WOULD BECOME THE MASTERS OF THE EARTH!

HOURS LATER...

I-I CAN'T BE A TRAITOR! LET THEM TOSS ME INTO SPACE! THEY'LL NEVER WREST THAT SECRET FROM ME!

SUDDENLY, AS DAVE HOLLIS STARES INTO SPACE, *HE* BREAKS OUT INTO HYSTERICAL LAUGHTER...

"HA-HA-HA!"

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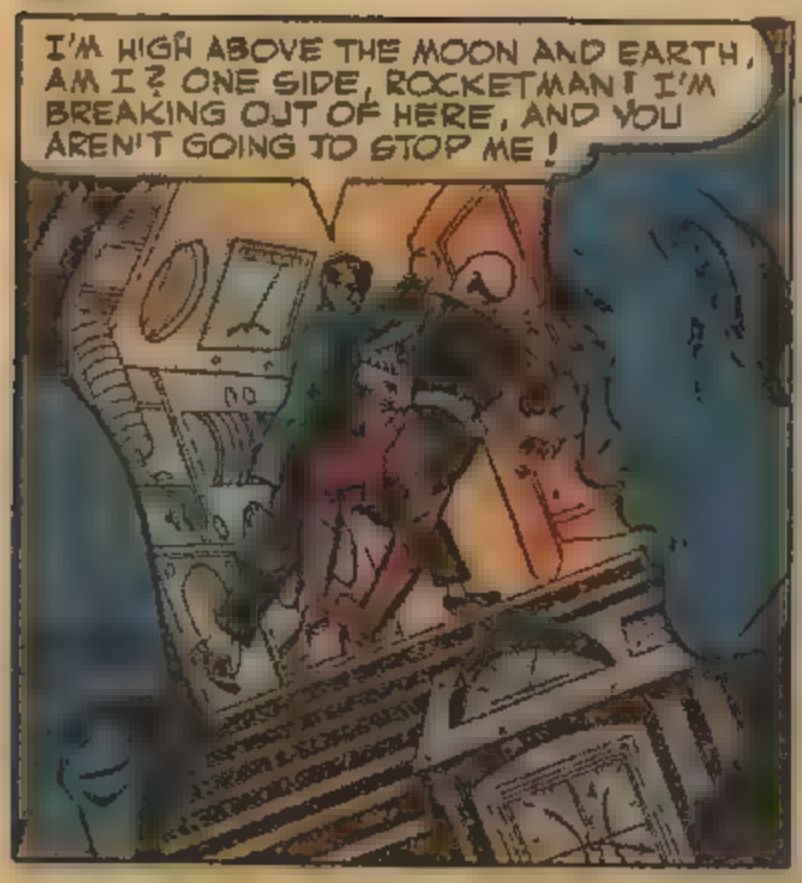
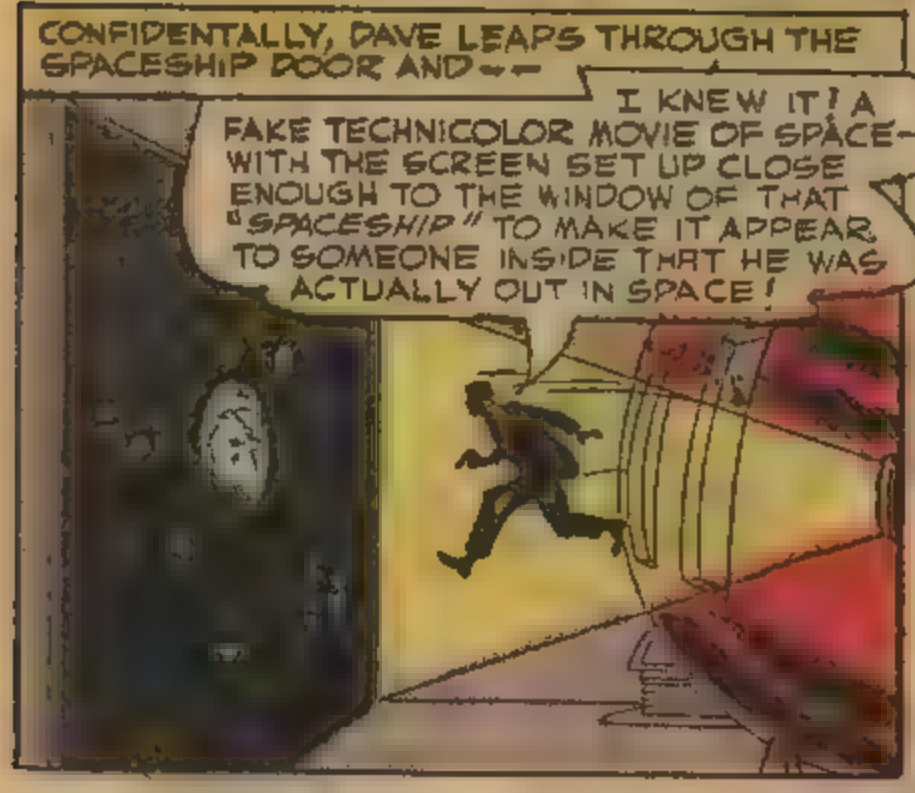
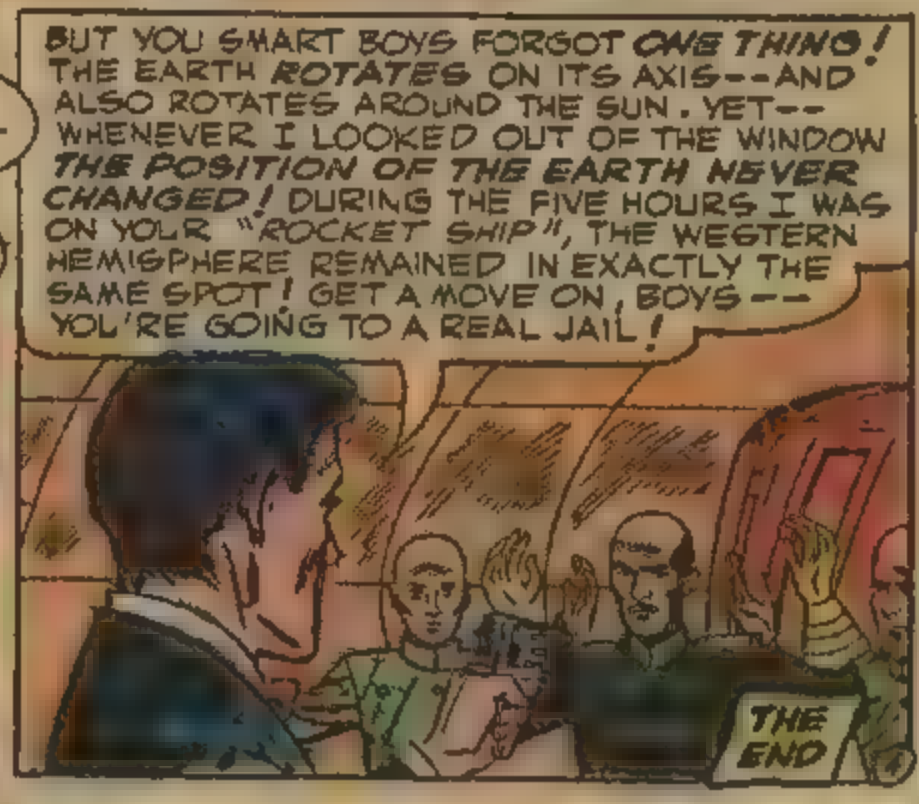


MATCH YOUR WITS WITH THOSE OF NUCLEAR PHYSICIST DAVE HOLLIS! HOW DID HE KNOW--FROM THE PICTURE CLUES ALREADY GIVEN YOU— THAT HE WAS **NOT** ON A SPACESHIP!


CONFIDENTALLY, DAVE LEAPS THROUGH THE SPACESHIP DOOR AND--
I KNEW IT! A FAKE TECHNICOLOR MOVIE OF SPACE--WITH THE SCREEN SET UP CLOSE ENOUGH TO THE WINDOW OF THAT "SPACESHIP" TO MAKE IT APPEAR TO SOMEONE INSIDE THAT HE WAS ACTUALLY OUT IN SPACE!


BUT YOU SMART BOYS FORGOT ONE THING! THE EARTH ROTATES ON ITS AXIS--AND ALSO ROTATES AROUND THE SUN. YET--WHENEVER I LOOKED OUT OF THE WINDOW THE POSITION OF THE EARTH NEVER CHANGED! DURING THE FIVE HOURS I WAS ON YOUR "ROCKET SHIP", THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE REMAINED IN EXACTLY THE SAME SPOT! GET A MOVE ON, BOYS--YOU'RE GOING TO A REAL JAIL!
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# MYSTERY IN SPACE

WHO WILL EVER FORGET THAT DAY WHEN AN ABRUPT BOMBSHELL OF TERROR BURST UPON THE CITY...

YOU COLOR-BLIND, MISTER? THAT WAS A RED LIGHT YOU PASSED! STOP!

NO! NO! BEHIND ME... LOOK!

INCREDIBLE AS IT WAS, PONDEROUS PAWS THAT ONCE PADDED PRIMEVAL JUNGLE SLIME SUDDENLY APPEARED IN THE ASPHALT JUNGLE OF CITY STREETS ...

RUN, YOU FOOL! BULLETS CAN'T PIERCE THAT FOOT-THICK HIDE!

IT WAS A NIGHTMARE OF HORROR AS THE PREHISTORIC BEAST THUNDERED THROUGH THE 20TH CENTURY METROPOLIS...

THE CITY FOUGHT BACK WITH ITS DEADLIEST WEAPONS...

...AND SOON, ARMORED MONSTERS, EONS APART IN TIME, WERE LOCKED IN A DEATH STRUGGLE ...

YOU GOT HIM THAT TIME, EVANS! RIGHT BETWEEN THE EYES!

RRROW!

BOOM!!

# MYSTERY IN SPACE

ON THE WILD HOURS THAT FOLLOWED, STRANGE DENIZENS OF THE BURIED PAST SWARMED FROM FORGOTTEN TOMBS ...

...AS PAST AND PRESENT MERGED IN A WEIRD TIDE OF TIME ...

IN THE WALL STREET DISTRICT, MEN OF ONE STONE AGE STARED UNBELIEVINGLY AT THOSE OF ANOTHER ...

ROW!

EEEK! PROFESSOR... L-LOOK!

A BRONTOSAURUS! IT... IT'S INCREDIBLE! THE LAST OF ITS KIND DIED MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO!

WALL ST.

AND IN THE PUBLIC LIBRARY, PEOPLE LEARNED A NEW DEFINITION OF TERROR!

ELSEWHERE, A SKYSCRAPER WAS BESIEGED BY MEDIEVAL SOLDIERS...

YON CASTLE IS A FAIR PRIZE. WE'LL REDUCE IT TO RUBBLE BY MORN, AND ITS RICH BOOTY WILL BE OURS!

AYE... PILLAGE AND PLUNDER... THAT'S THE WAY OF THE SWORD! TO THE STRONG BELONG THE SPOILS, AND TO THE WEAK, DESTRUCTION AND DEATH!

# MYSTERY IN SPACE

BEWILDERED SCIENTISTS MET IN ANXIOUS COUNCIL...

WE CAN'T WRITE IT OFF AS MASS ILLUSION OR HYSTERIA! WHAT WE'VE SEEN IS REAL ENOUGH!

THERE'S ONLY ONE ANSWER! SOMEWHERE, SOMEONE HAS BREACHED THE SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM AND HAS UNLOCKED A DOOR FROM THE PAST THROUGH WHICH THESE CREATURES ARE POURING!

SUDDENLY... ANOTHER SCIENTIST BURST INTO THE CONFERENCE ROOM...

GENTLEMEN-- THESE HORRIBLE APPARITIONS FROM THE PAST... I...I'M RESPONSIBLE!

GREAT STARS! PROFESSOR FOSDICK...I KNEW YOU WERE EXPERIMENTING WITH THE DIMENSIONAL ASPECTS OF TIME... BUT *THIS*... YOU... MUST STOP IT!

I ONLY WISH I COULD! I DEVISED THE FORMULA THAT CAN UNLOCK THE PAST TO THE PRESENT...BUT NOW...IT...IT'S OUT OF MY CONTROL COMPLETELY. SOME OF YOU MAY REMEMBER RAWLINS... MY ASSISTANT THREE YEARS AGO...

"HE WAS A STRANGE MAN... CAPABLE... BUT INTERESTED ONLY IN HIMSELF...NO MORE CIVILIZED THAN A JUNGLE BEAST!"

SOMETIMES I WONDER WHY YOU BECAME A SCIENTIST, RAWLINS! YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED IN HELPING MANKIND, OR...

I'M INTERESTED IN HELPING *MYSELF*! IN THESE DAYS, *KNOWLEDGE IS POWER*... AND THAT'S WHAT I WANT... A DISCOVERY THAT WILL GIVE ME WEALTH... AND THE WHIP-HAND OVER OTHERS!

"SOME MONTHS LATER, I COMPLETED MY RESEARCHES... SUCCESSFULLY!"

RAWLINS... I... I'VE DONE IT! THIS FORMULA! I CAN BRING PEOPLE OUT OF THE PAST!

WHA...? DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS, FOSDICK? WE CAN UNLEASH THE HORRORS OF THE PAST ON THE WORLD.. AND COLLECT MILLIONS TO RETURN THEM TO THEIR OWN TIME!

# MYSTERY IN SPACE

"WHAT RAWLINS SAID CONVINCED ME THAT THE HUMAN RACE WASN'T READY FOR MY DISCOVERY. I DESTROYED MY FORMULA, BUT..."

DON'T TRY TO PIECE THOSE CHARRED FRAGMENTS! THERE ARE FORCES TOO DANGEROUS TO COPE WITH!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT *ME!* IF THERE'S ONE THING I KNOW--*IT'S HOW TO TAKE CARE OF MYSELF!*

AFTER THAT, RAWLINS DISAPPEARED FOR THREE YEARS... BUT NOW...I KNOW WHAT HE'S BEEN UP TO... AND HE'S SUCCEEDED! WHAT DREADFUL SCHEME HE HAS IN MIND, THOUGH, I DON'T KNOW!

THE POLICE.. WE MUST CALL THEM AND TRY TO LOCATE HIM!

MEANWHILE, AT A DESOLATE MANOR ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY...

CONTROLS NOT WORKING RIGHT... ANYTHING MAY COME UP... BUT STILL ... *I'M PREPARED FOR ANYTHING!* THERE'S NO DANGER TO ME WHEN THE WRONG VISITOR KNOCKS ON THE DOOR OF TIME. *HMM*... I WONDER... WILL THIS BE THE ONE I'M TRYING TO SUMMON?

OUT OF THE TIME POOL, APPEARED A HANGMAN FROM THE MIDDLE AGES...

*UHNN*...THERE'S AN UNPLEASANT CUSTOMER! I DON'T WANT TO TANGLE WITH *HIM*... BETTER SET THE PROTECTIVE SCREEN IN ACTION!

A MOMENT LATER, AN ELECTRIC SHIELD DROVE OFF THE MEDIEVAL EXECUTIONER...

*HA-HA*... MUSN'T TOUCH! I PUSH THIS BUTTON, AND AN ELECTRIC SHIELD PROTECTS ME FROM UNWELCOME VISITORS! HE MAY GET OUT AND BE DANGEROUS TO OTHERS... BUT THAT'S OF NO CONCERN TO *ME!*

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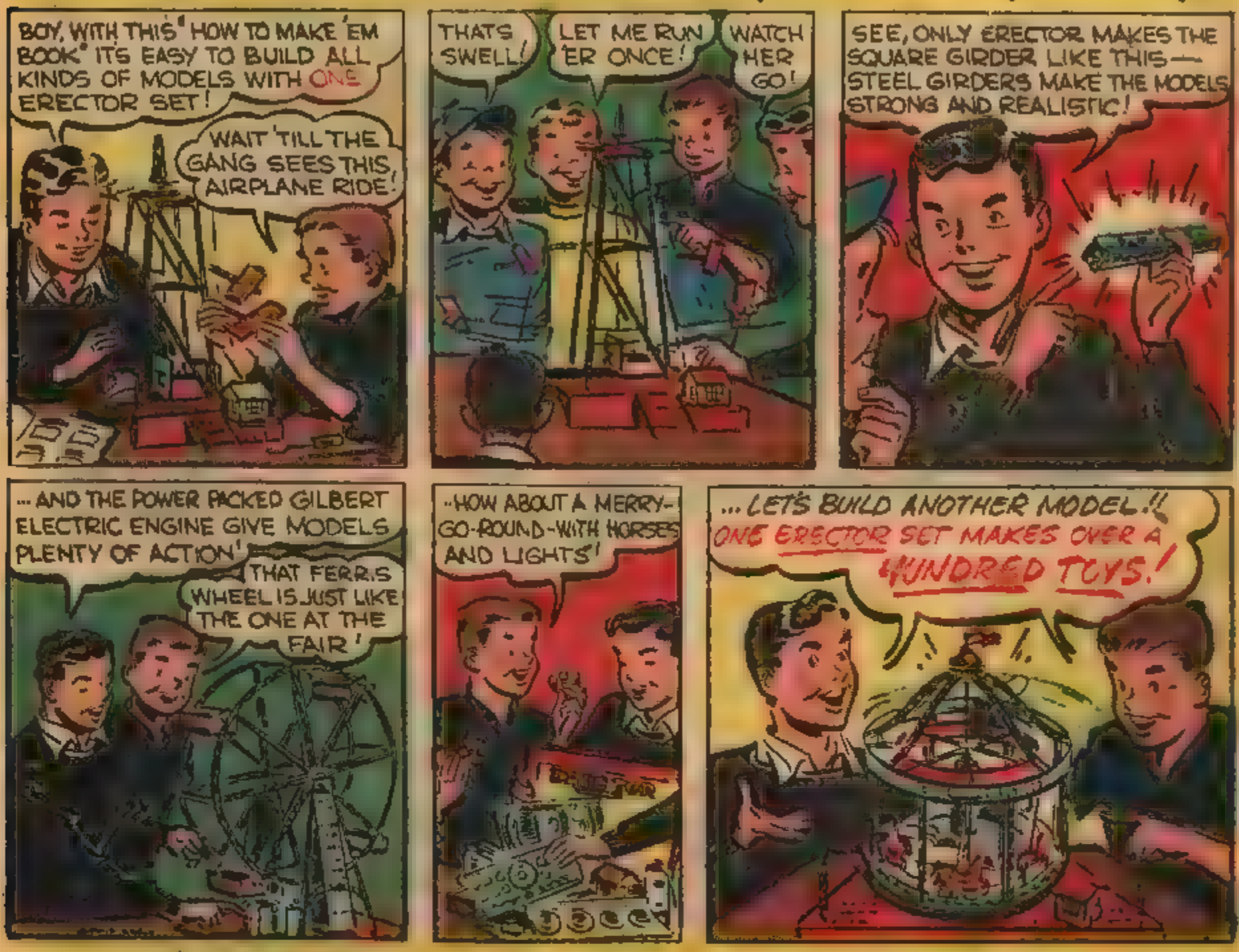
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I'M GETTING CLOSER IN TIME TO THE MAN I WANT! ONCE I LEARN HIS SECRET I'LL BE POWERFUL ENOUGH TO GET AWAY WITH ANYTHING!

ANOTHER TOUCH OF THE LEVER... DEEP STIRRINGS IN THE BOTTOMLESS POOL OF TIME... AND THEN...

SOMEONE'S COMING TO THE SURFACE! MAYBE AT LAST IT'S HE... THE ONE WHO KNOWS THE SECRET!

IT...IT *IS!* *ROGER BACON*... THE ANCIENT ALCHEMIST WHO IS SAID TO HAVE DISCOVERED AN ELIXIR THAT COULD TRANSMUTE BASER METALS TO GOLD!

IT IS TRUE... I DISCOVERED THE FORMULA... BUT NEVER MADE USE OF IT. LIFE TAUGHT ME THAT THE TRUE USE OF SCIENCE IS TO HELP MAN!

*BAH!* YOU SOUND LIKE FOSDICK! GIVE ME THE FORMULA OR I WILL HAVE TO REMIND YOU THAT YOU ARE REAL ENOUGH TO SUFFER PAIN!

TO THINK THAT MAN HAS PROGRESSED SO FAR... AND LEARNED SO LITTLE. I WILL GIVE YOU MY SECRET--BUT YOU WILL ONLY DESTROY YOURSELF WITH YOUR GREED.

I'VE HEARD THAT KIND OF NONSENSE BEFORE. I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF!

MEANWHILE... AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

REPORTS INDICATE THAT ALMOST ALL THE PHENOMENA WERE FIRST OBSERVED IN THE VICINITY OF *LAND'S END!* THE CHANCES ARE THAT'S WHERE RAWLINS IS WORKING!

I'LL COMB THE AREA! YOU COME, TOO, FOSDICK!

# MYSTERY IN SPACE

AT THE LAB, RAWLINS POURED THE FABULOUS LIQUID OVER A DULL, LEADEN, ROD...

GOLD! WEALTH AND POWER UNDREAMED OF... ALL MINE! YOU CAN RETURN TO YOUR MOULDERING GRAVE NOW, BACON!

NO CHANGE.. ALMOST A THOUSAND YEARS HAVE PASSED AND MAN IS STILL THE JUNGLE BEAST HE WAS!

SOON...

EVERY BIT OF METAL I'VE TOUCHED WITH THE ELIXIR ... ALL CHANGED TO GOLD! THOSE FOOLS WITH THEIR POMPOUS PREACHING... NOTHING CAN HARM ME NOW! MONEY WILL BUY ME POWER... AND POWER WILL MAKE ME IMMUNE TO THE LAW!

SUDDENLY... A LIZARD-LIKE BEAST DROPPED OUT OF TIME INTO THE TWENTIETH CENTURY LABORATORY...

THE TIME POOL... CONTROLS OUT OF ORDER... HAVE TO SET UP PROTECTIVE SCREEN... AT ONCE...

TERRIFIED, RAWLINS PRESSED THE ELECTRIC SHIELD BUTTON, BUT...

IT... IT... ISN'T WORKING. MUST HAVE BLOWN A FUSE... NEED A PIECE OF COPPER TO COMPLETE THE CIRCUIT... COPPER... COPPER... THAT'S IT... A PENNY!

MY PENNIES... I... I TURNED THEM ALL INTO GOLD... EVERY ONE! WHAT A FOOL... ALL THAT GOLD... I NEVER THOUGHT... NEED A PENNY... ONE COPPER COIN TO SAVE MY LIFE!

NO! NO! GET BACK... I'LL DESTROY THE FORMULA... NEVER USE IT AGAIN... ***GET BACK IN TIME WHERE YOU BELONG!***

# MYSTERY IN SPACE

SOMETIME LATER...

THAT'S RAWLINS' PLACE ALL RIGHT! LET'S GET HIM, MEN!

WAIT...LET ME GO IN! THERE ARE FORCES INSIDE... TOO DANGEROUS TO ANYONE ELSE... THAT ONLY I CAN UNDERSTAND!

SOON...WHEN FOSDICK EMERGED FROM THE LABORATORY...

WHERE'S RAWLINS? AFTER THE DAMAGE HE'S DONE, HE MUST ANSWER TO THE LAW!

HE HAS, ALREADY! NATURE HAS HER OWN LAWS TO PUNISH THOSE WHO TRY TO PENETRATE SECRETS SHE WANTS CONCEALED!

COME WITH ME NOW...TO THAT RIDGE. I'VE REVERSED THE CONTROLS OF THE TIME POOL... AND THOSE WHO HAVE COME FROM THE PAST, WILL RETURN TO THE PAST... FOREVER...

PRESENTLY... THE DENIZENS OF THE PAST STREAMED BACK TO THE LABORATORY...

THERE...BEFORE OUR EYES, GOES ALL OUR PAST HISTORY! WHEN I THINK OF RAWLINS' GREED AND CRUELTY, I WONDER...WILL THE HERITAGE OF THE JUNGLE FROM WHICH WE SPRUNG EVER BE ERADICATED FROM OUR HEARTS?

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# Captain Tootsie bags MOUNTAIN LION

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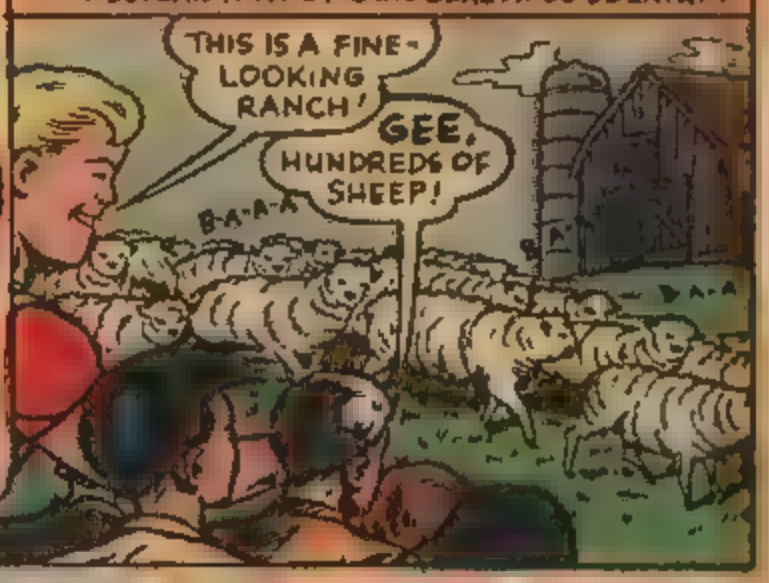
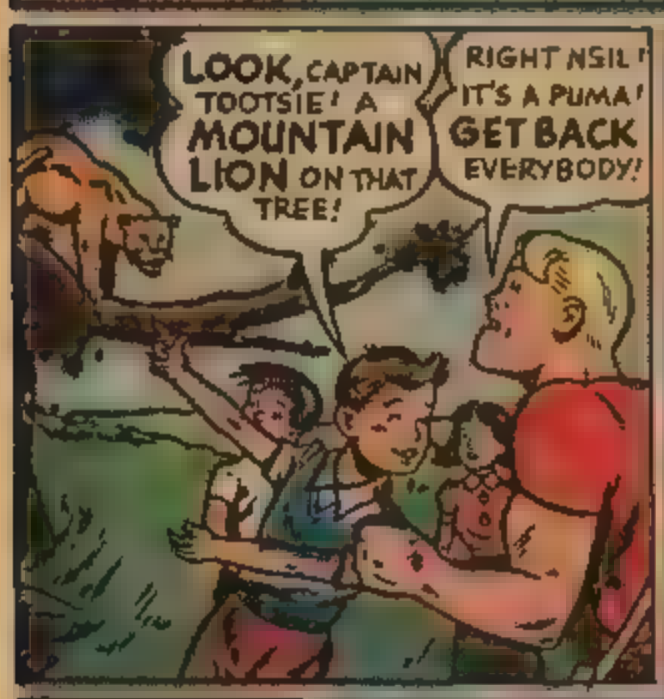
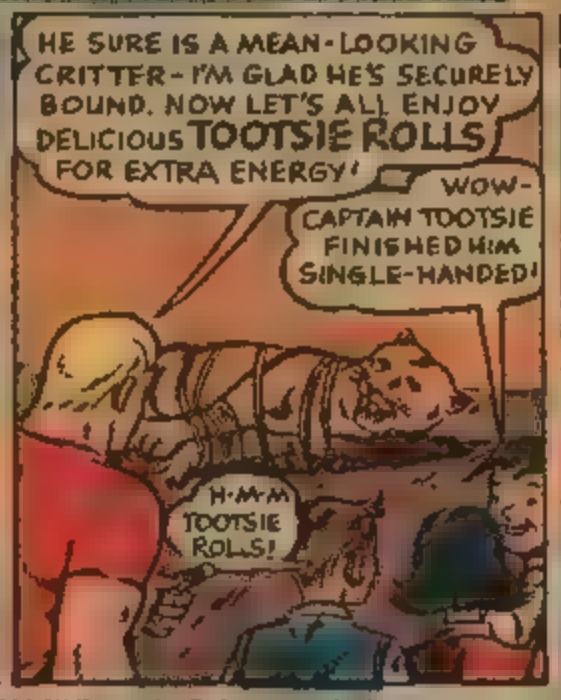
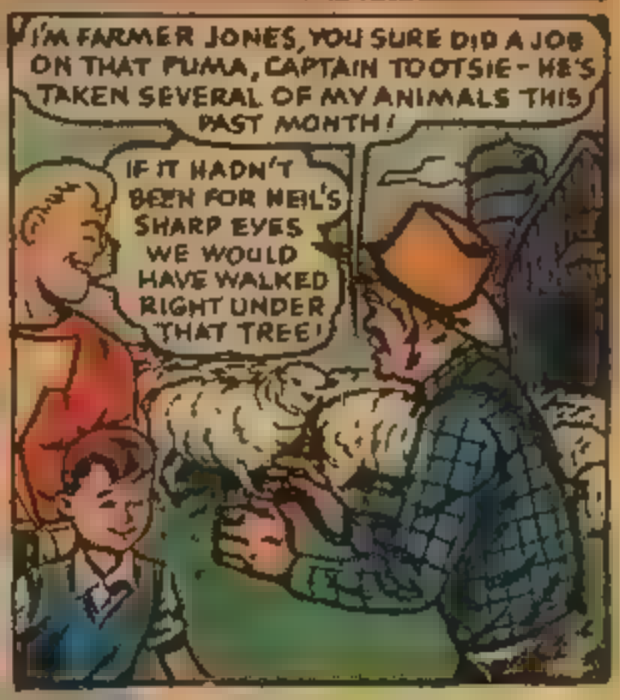
A FINE FALL DAY FINDS CAPTAIN TOOTSIE AND HIS YOUNG FRIENDS ON A HIKE THROUGH THE WESTERN PART OF OUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY.



HAVING HASTILY FASHIONED A NOOSE OUT OF THE STICK AND WIRE, CAPTAIN TOOTSIE FACES THE FEROCIOUS MOUNTAIN LION.


HE SURE IS A MEAN-LOOKING CRITTER - I'M GLAD HE'S SECURELY BOUND. NOW LET'S ALL ENJOY DELICIOUS TOOTSIE ROLLS FOR EXTRA ENERGY!
WOW - CAPTAIN TOOTSIE FINISHED HIM SINGLE-HANDED!
H-M-M TOOTSIE ROLLS!


I'M FARMER JONES, YOU SURE DID A JOB ON THAT PUMA, CAPTAIN TOOTSIE - HE'S TAKEN SEVERAL OF MY ANIMALS THIS PAST MONTH!
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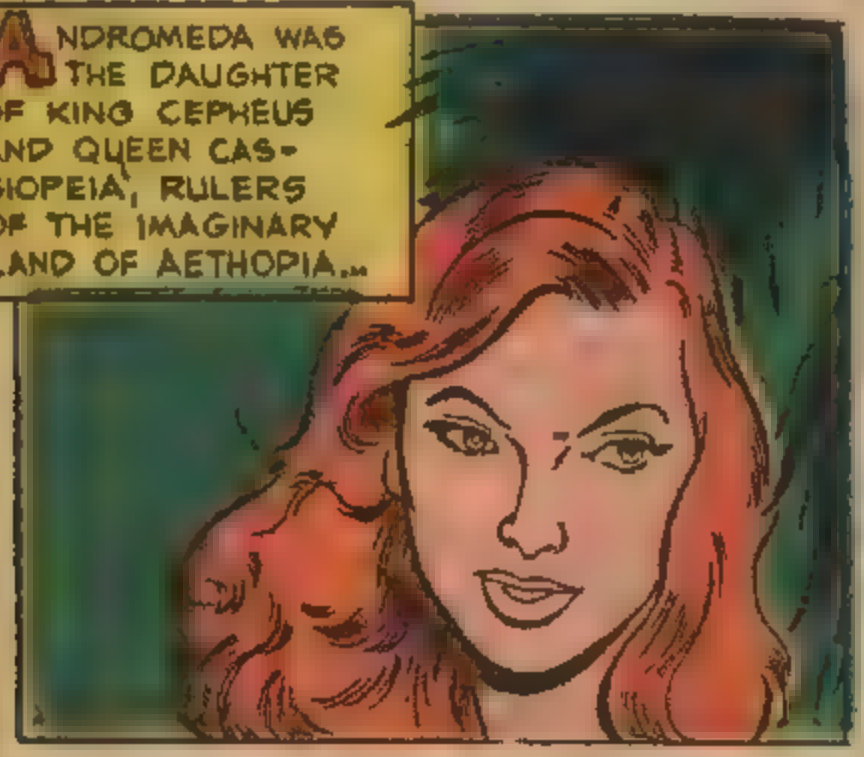
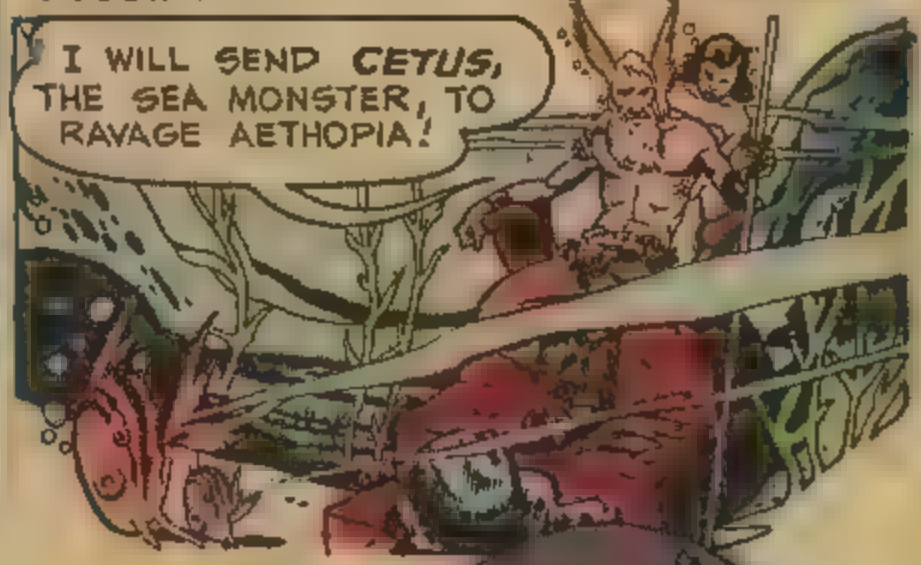
# STARS and their LEGENDS

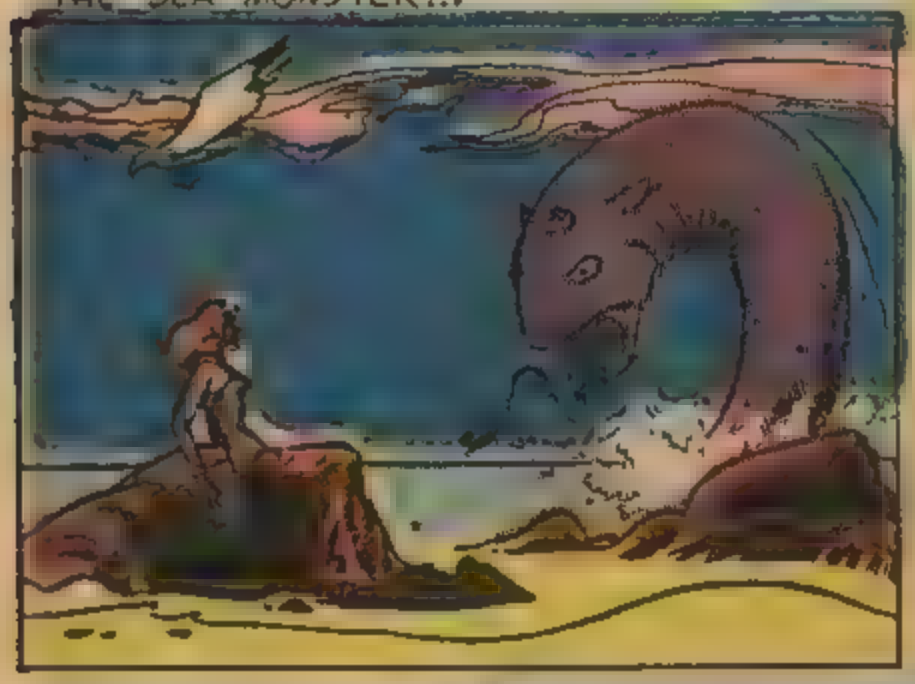
ANDROMEDA WAS THE DAUGHTER OF KING CEPHEUS AND QUEEN CASSIOPEIA, RULERS OF THE IMAGINARY LAND OF AETHOPIA...



A VAIN WOMAN, QUEEN CASSIOPEIA BOASTED THAT SHE WAS EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN *POSEIDON'S* (*NEPTUNE'S*) SEA NYMPHS. OFFENDED BY THE BOAST, THE GOD'S ATTENDANTS BEGGED *POSEIDON* TO PUNISH THE VAIN QUEEN...




AS FURTHER PUNISHMENT, *POSEIDON* COMMANDED KING CEPHEUS TO CHAIN ANDROMEDA TO THE SEA ROCKS, SO THAT SHE MIGHT BE DEVOURED BY THE SEA MONSTER...



MEANWHILE, THE HERO, PERSEUS, FRESH FROM HIS TRIUMPH OVER THE GORGON MEDUSSA, SAW ANDROMEDA'S PLIGHT, AND RUSHED TO HER RESCUE...

AFTER SLAYING THE MONSTER AND SETTING ANDROMEDA FREE, PERSEUS FELL IN LOVE WITH HER AND THE COUPLE WERE SOON MARRIED. AFTER ANDROMEDA'S DEATH, ATHENA PLACED HER AMONG THE CONSTELLATIONS IN THE NORTHERN SKY, NEAR PERSEUS AND CASSIOPEIA...

# HOW TO LOCATE Andromeda IN THE SKY

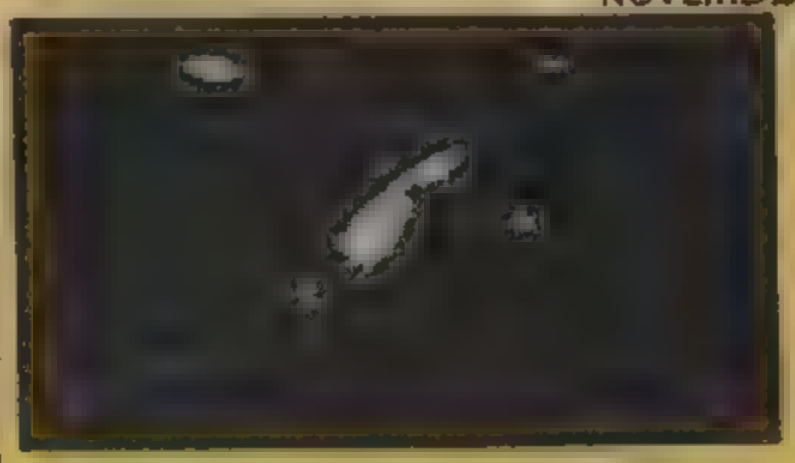
1. REFERING TO THE CHART BELOW, SELECT THE COMPASS POINT PERTAINING TO THE MONTH OF THE YEAR.
2. POINT IN THAT CORRECT COMPASS POSITION.
3. RAISE YOUR ARM TO THE SAME HEIGHT AS THE SHADOW FIGURE.
4. WITH YOUR EXTENDED ARM IN THAT POSITION, YOU WILL BE POINTING TO THE CONSTELLATION OF ANDROMEDA.

*NOTE:* THE POINTING DIRECTIONS ARE GIVEN FOR 8 P.M., STANDARD TIME.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLE: HOW TO FIND ANDROMEDA ON A CLEAR NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 1ST, 8 P.M., STANDARD TIME.

1. DIRECTION IS SOUTH.
2. POINT YOUR ARM DIRECTLY SOUTH.
3. RAISE YOUR ARM TO THE SAME HEIGHT AS THE SHADOW FIGURE.
4. YOU WILL BE POINTING TO APPROXIMATELY THE CENTER OF THE CONSTELLATION OF ANDROMEDA.

*NOTE:* IN CASE YOU DO NOT FIND THE CORRECT MONTH PRINTED ON THE COMPASS LINES, ANDROMEDA IS NOT VISIBLE ON THAT DATE FOR THAT TIME.



SPIRAL NEBULA IN ANDROMEDA

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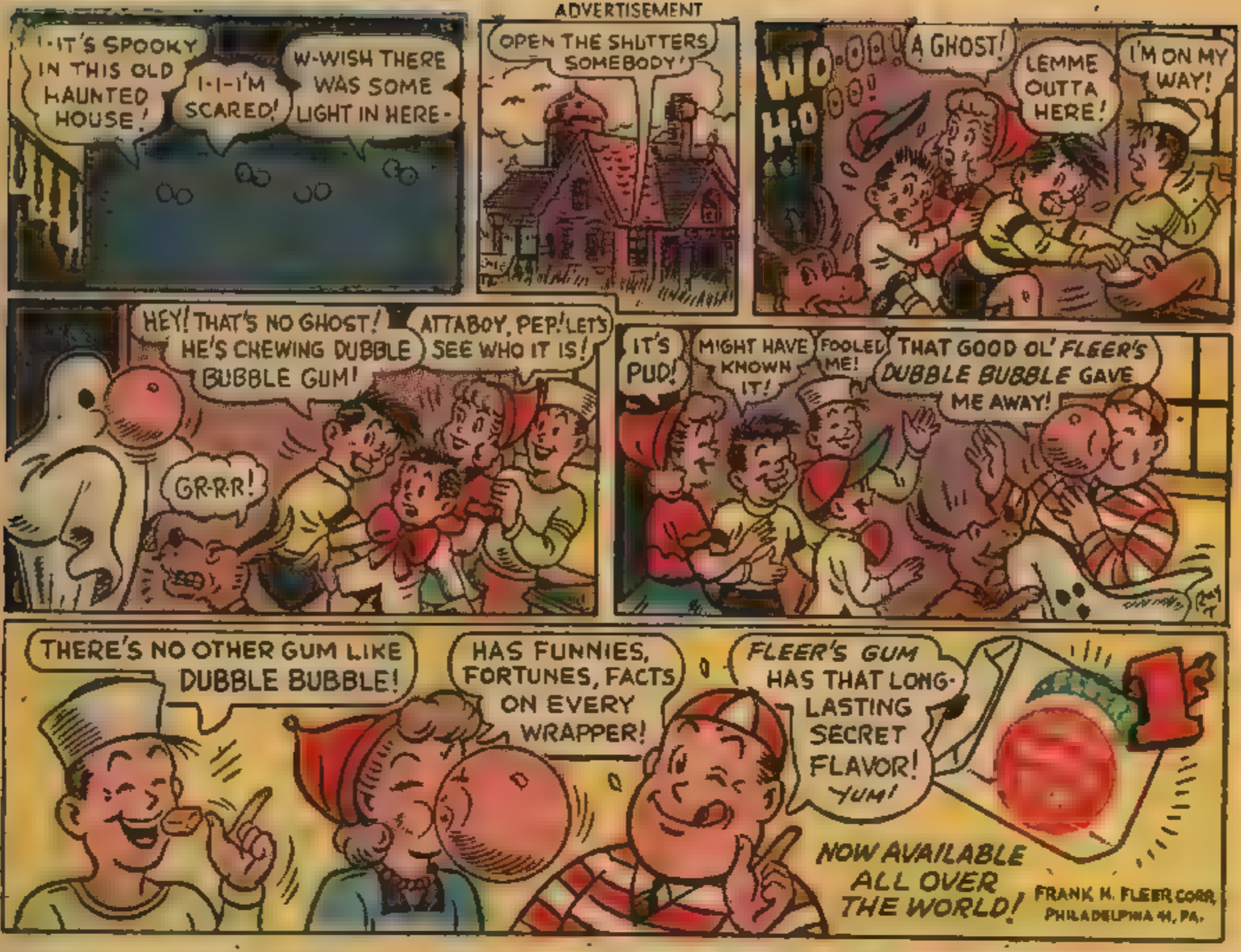
I-IT'S SPOOKY IN THIS OLD HAUNTED HOUSE!
I-I-I'M SCARED!
W-WISH THERE WAS SOME LIGHT IN HERE-
OPEN THE SHUTTERS SOMEBODY!
WO-OO-OO!
A GHOST!
LEMME OUTTA HERE!
I'M ON MY WAY!
HEY! THAT'S NO GHOST! HE'S CHEWING DUBBLE BUBBLE GUM!
ATTABOY, PEP! LET'S SEE WHO IT IS!
GR-R-R!
IT'S PUD!
MIGHT HAVE KNOWN IT!
FOOLED ME!
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# WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT SATURN?

## TRUE-FALSE

(Below are 10 astronomical "facts" about the planet Saturn. Select the ones that are completely correct and answer *true*. If you spot one that is all or partly erroneous, answer *false*. For each number correctly answered, credit yourself with 3 points.)

1. Saturn is the second largest planet in the solar system.

2. Along with Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars, Saturn is classified as one of the major planets.

3. Titan, the largest moon of Saturn, is smaller than the Earth's moon.

4. Saturn's rings are visible to the naked eye on very clear nights.

5. The *Cassini division* is the name given to the 3000-mile gap between the middle and outer rings of Saturn.

6. The rings of Saturn were first discovered by Copernicus.

7. Phoebe, the most distant moon from Saturn, revolves from east to west.

8. Saturn's rings are inclined 27 degrees to the plane of the planet's orbit and keep the same direction as the planet revolves.

9. Saturn has the greatest density of all the planets in the solar system.

10. All parts of the rings of Saturn rotate in the same period.

11. Saturn's rings alternately present their northern and southern faces to the Earth.

12. The divisions in Saturn's rings are produced by perturbations due to the outer satellites of Saturn.

13. Saturn's rings are composed of multitudes of small solid bodies like meteors, which revolve around the planet in orbits that are in the plane of its equator.

14. The question of the origin of the ring system of Saturn is still a much debated problem.

15. As far as has been observed, Saturn is the only planet in the whole universe that is surrounded by rings.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE

(Herewith are presented 10 more facts about the planet Saturn. However, only one of a trio of statements is correct. Make your choice and take 2 points for each alternate correctly answered.)

1. The average distance of Saturn from the sun is about (a) 86, (b) 886, (c) 8866 million miles.

2. The prominent color observed on Saturn is (a) yellow, (b) green, (c) red.

3. One of the following is *not* a satellite of Saturn: (a) Titan, (b) Europa, (c) Dione.

4. The number of concentric rings about Saturn is (a) 1, (b) 2, (c) 3.

5. The entire ring system of Saturn is about (a) 2.3, (b) 3.2, (c) 23 times the equatorial diameter of the planet.

6. The average surface temperature on Saturn is about (a) 238°F, (b) 0°F, (c) —238°F.

7. At intervals of about 15 years, Saturn's rings are edgewise to the sun. They will be edgewise to the sun again in (a) 1951, (b) 1953, (c) 1955.

8. The thickness of Saturn's rings is about (a) 10, (b) 100, (c) 1000 miles.

9. The most prominent substance present in Saturn's atmosphere is (a) oxygen, (b) methane, (c) argon.

10. It takes Saturn about (a) 3, (b) 30, (c) 300 years to revolve around the sun.

## MISSING WORD

(Supply the missing word to complete the following facts about Saturn. Each word correctly given is worth 5 points.)

1. The number of known satellites revolving around Saturn is .....

2. In distance from the sun, Saturn ranks as the ..... planet.

3. As seen through a telescope, Saturn has a belted appearance similar to that of the planet .....

4. The contents of Saturn's atmosphere can be determined by ..... analysis.

5. When it is in opposition, Saturn appears to the naked eye as a star brighter than the ..... magnitude.

## MATCHING COLUMNS

(In the first column are five astronomical distances. In column two are listed their "equivalents", but in incorrect order. Tag the right number to the right distance and take 2 points for each of the correctly joined terms.)

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|---|---|
| 1. 115,300 miles | A. Distance of farthest satellite from Saturn |
| 2. 886,000,000 miles | B. Diameter of Saturn |
| 3. 8,034,000 miles | C. Mean distance between Saturn and Earth |
| 4. 793,000,000 miles | D. Distance of closest moon from Saturn |
| 5. 71,500 miles | E. Mean distance between Sun and Saturn |

### *ANSWERS*

*True-False*: 1, true. 2, false. 3, false. 4, false. 5, true. 6, false., 7, true. 8, true. 9, false. 10, false. 11, true. 12, true. 13, true. 14, true. 15, true.

*Multiple Choice*: 1, b. 2, a. 3, b. 4, c. 5, a. 6, c. 7, a. 8, a. 9, b. 10, b.

*Missing Word*: 1, nine, 2, sixth. 3, Jupiter. 4, spectroscopic. 5, first.

*Matching Columns*: 1-D, 2-E, 3-A, 4-C, 5-B.

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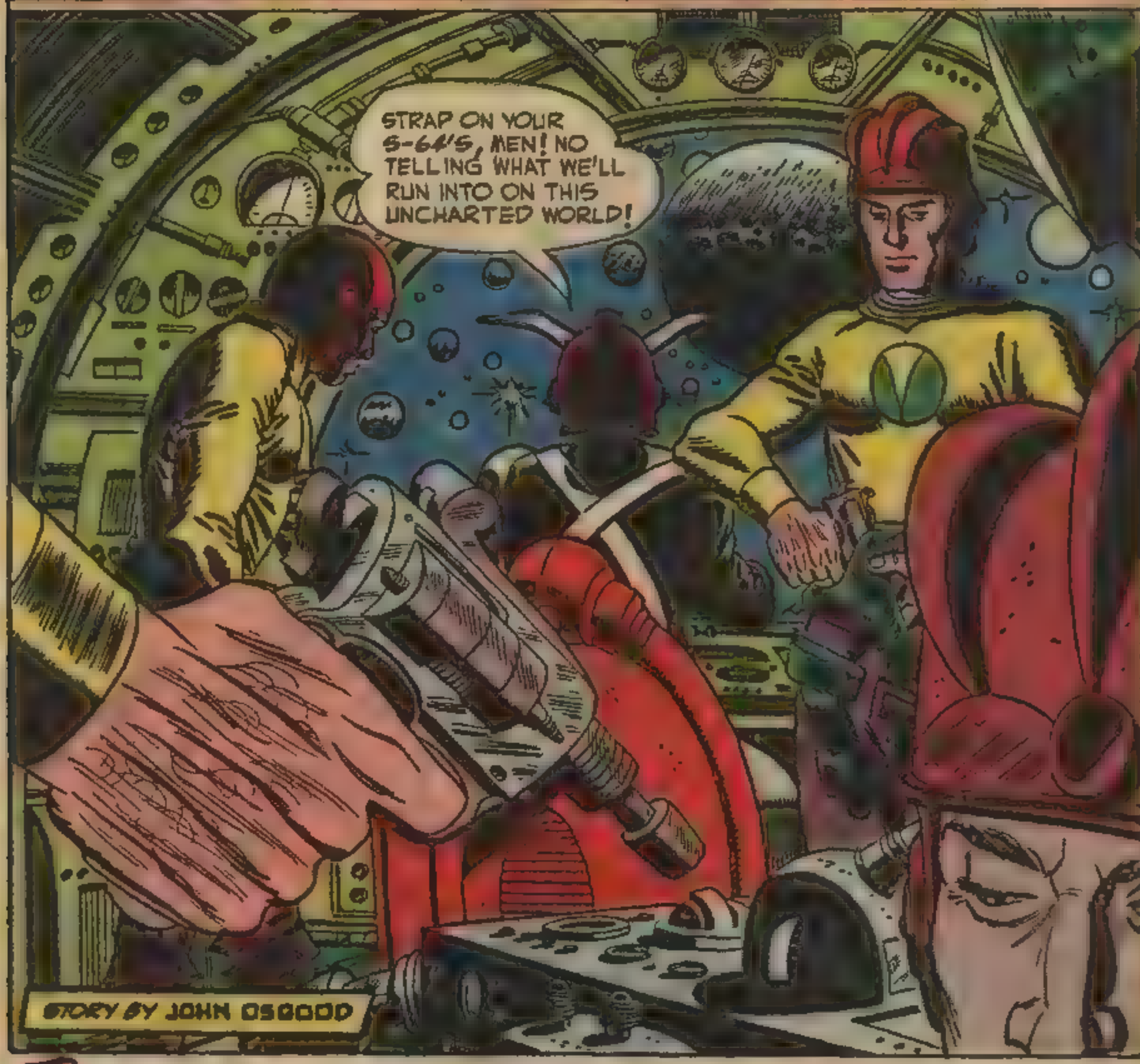


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EVERYONE IN THE 24TH CENTURY KNEW ALL ABOUT THE UNIQUE GUN--BUT WHAT OF THE MAN WHO INVENTED IT? STRANGELY ENOUGH, HIS NAME BY THEN HAD FADED INTO OBLIVION! BUT IT DESERVES TO BE REMEMBERED--HONORED! THIS IS HIS STORY!...

# MYSTERY IN SPACE

IT WAS TOWARD THE END OF THE 23rd CENTURY THAT EARTH RULE FINALLY SPREAD THROUGH THE GALAXY! RAPIDLY, FAR OFF SAVAGE WORLDS WERE COLONIZED BY INTREPID EARTHMEN...

WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO COLONIZE CALLISTO TILL WE RAY-BLAST THOSE DEADLY DRAGON-BATS!

NOTHING STOPS A NEPTUNIAN GROUND-OCTUPUS FASTER THAN AN S-64 GUN!

WOOOM

WE COME TO ARCTURUS IN PEACE! BUT OUR S-64'S ARE READY--IF IT'S A FIGHT YOU WANT!

ON EARTH... CERTAIN NAMES ARE FOREVER HONORED FOR THEIR ROLE IN EARTH'S DOMINION OVER OTHER PLANETS...

...BERTRAND... THE FIRST MAN TO CIRCUM-NAVIGATE OUR GALAXY! 2247 A.D.

...es Grahez built the first ship to travel in space! 2201 A.D.

BUT BY A CURIOUS CHANCE, ONE MAN--A KEY FIGURE IN EARTH'S PROUD DESTINY--WAS ALL BUT FORGOTTEN BY HISTORY...

OUR S-64'S ARE WORLD-BEATERS! WHO INVENTED THESE RAY-GUNS ANYWAY?

WHY-ER--SOMEONE NAMED GIMPSON--OR STODDARD, I THINK...LONG AGO!

SAUNDERS--*MARK SAUNDERS* WAS HIS NAME--AND HIS STORY DESERVES TO BE TOLD! IN 2219 HE WAS JUST A DREAMY-EYED SCIENCE ACADEMY GRADUATE...

HELEN, I'VE MADE UP MY MIND! I'M LEAVING FOR VENUS THIS WEEK!

YOU CAN'T GIVE UP YOUR DREAM OF BUILDING A DISINTEGRATOR, CAN YOU, MARK?

HELEN--DESPITE WHAT ALL MY PROFESSORS SAID, I'M CONVINCED THAT A WEAPON WHICH COMPLETELY DESTROYS MATTER--*CAN BE MADE!*

I'M GOIN'S TO VENUS WITH YOU!

# MYSTERY IN SPACE

THAT WAS MARK'S FIRST BREAK-- A LOYAL WIFE TO SHARE HIS EXISTENCE IN THE WILDS OF VENUS...

HERE--IF MY EXPERIMENTS RESULT IN AN EXPLOSION--WE TWO WILL BE THE ONLY ONES HURT!

I'M NOT AFRAID!

FIVE YEARS PASSED...YEARS OF SLOW, AGONIZING EXPERIMENTS, WITHOUT VISIBLE PROGRESS...

63 GUNS... AND 63 FAILURES! I WAS SURE THAT THIS TIME--

MAYBE THE NEXT ONE, DEAR...

CLICK

PAINSTAKINGLY, THE YOUNG SCIENTIST WENT ON WITH HIS WORK...

FORMULA 63 HAS TO BE RIGHT! IT *MUST* BE THAT I DIDN'T GET THE HEAVY RADIUM *PURE* ENOUGH TO PRODUCE THE DISINTEGRATION RAYS! I'LL TRY AGAIN!

A WEEK LATER... AS MARK EMERGED FROM HIS TENT—LABORATORY...

A VENUSIAN FIRE-DRAGON--GOING AT HELEN!

HELP!

THERE WAS NO TIME TO RUN FOR A RIFLE! WITHOUT THINKING, MARK RAISED THE GUN IN HIS HAND AND PULLED THE TRIGGER--

*HUH?* STRANGE--THAT A BIG THING LIKE THAT COULD RUN AWAY AND VANISH *SO FAST!* UNLESS--GREAT GANYMEDE!

POP!

HELEN, IT *DIDN'T* VANISH!

NO! YOU DISINTERGRATED IT! MARK, RAY-GUN *64* WORKS!

# MYSTERY IN SPACE

JOYFULLY, MARK TURNED THE GUN ON OTHER OBJECTS! ITS ACTION WAS INCREDIBLE... IT NEVER FAILED...

THERE GOES THAT TREE!

OH, MARK, WE CAN GO HOME NOW--WHERE YOU'LL RECEIVE A GREAT HERO'S WELCOME!

POP!

BUT... BACK ON EARTH, THE RETURNED INVENTOR MET AN UNEXPECTED RECEPTION...

MANUFACTURE YOUR *DISINTEGRATOR*? HA HA! YOUNG MAN, WE'RE OFFERED ONE EVERY WEEK! ONLY TROUBLE IS--THEY DON'T WORK!

BUT MINE DOES!

I CAN *PROVE* IT!

ALL EARTH SCIENTISTS AGREE THAT A TRUE DISINTEGRATOR-GUN IS AN *IMPOSSIBILITY*! IT WOULD DESTROY *EVERYTHING* IN ITS PATH! GOOD DAY, SIR!

STOP WASTING MY TIME! I'M BUSY!

NOT A MANUFACTURER IN THE CITY WILL EVEN *LISTEN* TO ME!

BANG BANG

LATER... BACK AT THE HOTEL ROOM WHERE HELEN WAS WAITING...

I'VE DECIDED... THE ONLY WAY I'LL EVER GET THE S-[redacted] ACCEPTED IS TO GIVE A PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION *MYSELF*!

GOOD IDEA, MARK! IT WILL TAKE EVERY PENNY OF OUR SAVINGS BUT IT'S WORTH IT!

THE NEXT DAY... IN ALL THE CITY'S NEWSPAPERS... A STARTLING ADVERTISEMENT...

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# MYSTERY IN SPACE

THAT NIGHT... AS MARK AND HELEN RETURNED TO THEIR HOTEL AFTER A DAY OF PREPARATION...

I'D BETTER MAKE SURE THE GUN IS IN PERFECT WORKING ORDER!

YES, WE DON'T WANT IT TO JAM OR ANYTHING! NOT TONIGHT!

BUT... AS THE PORTABLE, LEAD-LINED CASE WAS OPENED...

EMPTY! S-64 HAS BEEN STOLEN!

SOMEONE MUST HAVE BROKEN INTO OLR ROOM-- WHILE WE WERE AT THE STADIUM--

WE CAN'T POSTPONE THE DEMONSTRATION! EVERYONE WOLLD BE SURE THEN THAT I WAS A FAKE! I MUST FIND THE GUN-- WITHIN THE NEXT HOUR!

BUT HOW?

FOR ANSWER, THE YOUNG IN-VENTOR DREW A THIN METAL ROD FROM H.S TRAVEL-KIT...

WITH THIS *ALPHA-COUNTER!* THE HEAVY RADIUM IN THE S-64 SHOULD LEAVE A TRAIL OF RADIOACTIVITY! GO TO THE STADILM--I'LL MEET YOU THERE!

ALL R.GHT!

GR.MLY, AN INV SIBLE TRACK WAS FOLND AND FOLLOWED SWIFTLY...

UP TOWARD THE HOTEL ROOF! IF THE TH EF ISN'T WEAR NG LEAD-LINED GLOVES, HE WON'T GET FAR! THE HEAVY RADIUM RAYS W LL FINISH HIM *OFF!*

SECONDS LATER... ON THE 6WANK SOLAROID ROOFTOP...

A *MARTIAN!?* BUT--THEY'RE ABSOLUTELY *FORBIDDEN* ON EARTH...: AND THAT ONE HAS MY *GUN!*

ILNA MOT SA...

# MYSTERY IN SPACE

MARTIAN WORDS... WHICH MARK UNDERSTOOD FROM HIS COLLEGE STUDIES... CAME TO HIS EARS...

GOOD! THEN WE CAN PROCEED WITH OUR ATTACK ON THE CITY!

JI HAN... I HAVE THE DISINTEGRATOR!

ATTACK ON THE CITY?!

THE NEXT MOMENT... THE ALIEN CREATURE WHIRLED ABOUT...

K-K-K- THE GREAT INVENTOR... PERISHES BY HIS OWN... INVENTION! K-K-K--

HE'S GOT MY OWN S-64 TRAINED ON ME!

BUT SUDDENLY--AS THE WEIRD INTRUDER WAS ABOUT TO PULL THE TRIGGER...

HE COLLAPSED! HE WASN'T WEARING LEAD-LINED GLOVES! THE GUN'S RADIOACTIVITY MOUNTED UP AND FINISHED HIM--JUST BEFORE HE COULD FINISH ME!

THEN... A MARTIAN SHIP SHOT INTO VIEW... A SILENT SHAPE OUT OF THE NIGHT SKY...

IT'S HEADING TOWARD THE SPACEPORT! FROM THERE THEY'LL FAN OUT--THE USUAL PATTERN OF MARTIAN CONQUEST! BUT MAYBE I CAN PREVENT THEM FROM SPREADING--

LEAPING INTO A LITTLE "CLOUD-HOPPER"--A TINY "ROOF-TAXI" PROVIDED BY THE HOTEL FOR ITS PATRONS, MARK PULLED THE THROTTLE WIDE...

I DID HEAR RUMORS THAT MARS MIGHT ATTACK EARTH--BUT NO ONE REALLY THOUGHT THEY'D DARE! FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN, OUR NATION IS TOTALLY UNPREPARED--

MEANWHILE... AT THE SPACEPORT, SURPRISED GUARDS WERE FROZEN INTO RIGIDITY BY PARALYSIS-RIFLES...

UHH... PARALYZERS!

TO THE CONTROL TOWER! CUT COMMUNICATIONS. WE MUST ISOLATE THE CITY! DESTROY ALL WHO RESIST--

AS THE "ROOF-TAXI" SWOOPED DOWN...

THOSE CREATURES MUST HAVE SPIED ON ME SECRETELY--LEARNED OF MY DISCOVERY AND DECIDED TO GET HOLD OF IT BEFORE THEY RISKED AN INVASION! BUT THEIR SCHEME WILL FAIL!

JUMPING FROM HIS CRAFT, MARK YELLED A COMMAND... IN THE MARTIAN TONGUE...

AKALO! SURRENDER..

BLAST THAT EARTHLING FOOL..

UNWILLING TO TAKE LIFE UNLESS FORCED TO, THE YOUNG SCIENTIST SWIFTLY AIMED THE S-64 AT THE MARTIAN SHIP...

I'LL GIVE THEM A SAMPLE OF WHAT MY GUN CAN DO--TO THEIR SPACE VESSEL! MAYBE THEN THEY'LL SURRENDER--

OUR SHIP! DISINTEGRATED!

POP!

BUT THE FURY OF THE INVADERS BECAME ONLY MORE FRENZIED BY WHAT THEY HAD SEEN...

DAK! DAK! KILL!

COMING AT ME--ALL OF THEM! THEY'RE FORCING MY HAND--NO MORE TIME TO PARLEY NOW...

COOLLY, IN THE FACE OF STAGGERING ODDS, THE EARTHMAN RAISED HIS UNIQUE GUN--AND FIRED--

DISINTEGRATED THEM COMPLETELY! NOW FOR THOSE SPACEPORT GUARDS--MUST TRY TO REVIVE THEM--

POP!

# MEANWHILE ... AT GALAXY STADIUM ... STILL UNAWARE OF THE GOINGS-ON AT THE SPACEPORT ACROSS THE CITY...

PLEASE! MY HUSBAND *WILL* BE HERE--

BAH! IT'S A FAKE--THE WHOLE THING!

LET'S GO HOME! WE'VE BEEN HOAXED!

SUDDENLY... A STALWART FIGURE, A BIT UNKEMPT, LEAPED TO THE STADIUM PLATFORM...

*MARK!*

SORRY TO BE LATE, FOLKS! I WAS--ER--UNAVOIDABLY DETAINED! NOW FOR THE DEMONSTRATION!

AS THE CROWD GAPED, ONE OBJECT AFTER ANOTHER VANISHED BEFORE ITS EYES...

THAT OLD 150-TON-TANK--DISINTEGRATED LIKE A SOAP BUBBLE!

THE *S-64* WORKS!

POP!

SWIFTLY, MANY OF THE NATION'S MUNITION'S FACTORIES WERE CONVERTED TO TURNING OUT THE NEW WEAPON...

ALL YOUR STRUGGLES, MARK--THEY'RE OVER NOW!

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AND THAT IS THE TRUE STORY BEHIND THE WEAPON WHICH BY THE END OF THE 23RD CENTURY MADE EARTH *FOREMOST* AMONG PLANETS...

PLRER... MUST GET THE HEAVY RADIUM *PURER*...

YOU PLUTONIANS STARTED THIS WAR, BUT OUR *S-64'S* WILL FINISH IT!

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THE FIRST SCIENTIFIC ATTEMPT TO EXPLAIN THE BIRTH OF THE EARTH WAS MADE IN 1749 BY THE FRENCH NATURALIST, GEORGE-LOUIS LECLERC. HIS HYPOTHESIS SUGGESTED THAT THE ORIGIN OF THE PLANETS RESULTED FROM A COLLISION OF THE SUN AND A STRAY COMET...

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